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Alicia Matthews, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Cable Division
One South Station, 4th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: CTV-06-1- Petition by Verizon New England, Inc. to
Request Rulemaking Regarding Competitive License Regulation**

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Verizon Massachusetts is calling to the Department's attention that the FCC is scheduled to address a comprehensive video franchising reform order at its open meeting on December 20, 2006, in MM Docket No. 05-311, Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992. We understand that the FCC's order will deal with Section 621(a)(1)'s directive that local franchising authorities not unreasonably refuse to award competitive franchises and may cover matters such as the timing of the local franchising process, franchise fees, the authority of franchising authorities to regulate non-cable services or facilities, and rate regulation. In light of this development, Verizon Massachusetts believes that the Department would be well served to await action by the FCC before proposing new rules in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Moore", written in a cursive style.

Alexander W. Moore

Andrea Nixon, Clerk